

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2021

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room at the City Hall Administration Building.

Those present were: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, City Clerk Sandy Button, Council Members Ginger Larsen, Merrill White, Steve Guthrie, and Cody Keene. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Lynn Hahn, Ken Hayes, David Meints, Stephanie Henson, Shane Henson, Nick Larsen, Annette Beard, Wyatt Varner, John Hicks, Tiffany Keene, Jared Powell, Teresa Jackson, Kevin Faught, Larry Easter, Gordon Pond, Julie Pond, Brian Armas and Greg Ley.

Mayor Jackie Crabtree called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jackie Crabtree opened the meeting in prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Kevin Faught, with Stephens and Associates addressed the Council concerning options for an Ordinance to levy a new 1% Sales Tax. Several possibilities were considered. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, 2021, to further discuss this matter.

Water/Wastewater Supt Ken Hayes updated the Council on the Treatment Plant Project stating the total start up time for a new plant usually takes between 30 – 60 days. They are in the middle of that process now. Also, the engineers are continuing to work on the sludge plan needed to cost-effectively generate and store the municipal sludge at the plant.

The Council met in a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. this evening to discuss the adoption of an Ordinance by the City Council authorizing an increase in pump maintenance charges.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderwoman Larson, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 700 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 700 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL
CODE, SECTION 10.08.12 PUMP MAINTENANCE CHARGES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor Crabtree put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor Crabtree declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor Crabtree then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor Crabtree on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

The Council discussed updated Ordinance 704, amending the current Dog and Animal Ordinance.

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 704 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 704 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTIONS 6.04 DOGS AND SECTION 6.08 OTHER
ANIMALS AND FOWL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Police Chief Lynn Hahn spoke to the Council concerning the purchase of two new police vehicles through State Purchasing as listed below:

2021 Dodge Charger with Equipment	\$ 35,728.24
2021 Dodge Durango with Equipment	\$ 33,927.18
Total	\$ 69,655.42

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to purchase two new police vehicles through State Purchasing in the amount \$69,655.42. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council met in a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. this evening to discuss the clean-up lien amount to be certified against the real property located at 900 N. Davis, Pea Ridge. The following motion was approved at that meeting. "Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to proceed with a Notice of Clean-Up Lien for the Gene E. Copp property located at 900 N. Davis Street, Pea Ridge, AR 72751 and certified the costs in the amount of \$6,834.92. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed."

Street Supt. Nathan See stated two bids were received for the Street Overlay Project for 2021. The streets to be overlaid are Henry Little Circle and Lee Town Drive. The two bids are listed below:

Decco Excavation, Rogers, AR	\$ 140,093.72
Hutchens Construction, Springdale, AR	\$ 111,050.00

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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to accept the bid from Hutchens Construction for the 2021 Street Overlay Project in the amount of \$111,050.00. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Street Supt. See asked for the following old equipment be surplus as scrap.

Woods Side Mount Mower – Purchased in 2008
3 Hiniker Snowplows – (2) 2003 (1) Given to us

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to surplus a Woods Side Mount Mower – Purchased in 2008 and 3 Hiniker Snowplows – (2) 2003 (1) Given to us. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree presented the 2020 State of the City Address in compliance with ACA 14-58-302. The report included the year-end financial report for all City Departments and a list of numerous projects that were completed during 2020. It was announced in 2020 that our Neighborhood Market has been selected as the test site for the Walmart drone delivery project. This is a very exciting one-of-a-kind project for our community. Even though we faced COVID-19 issues, we continued to provide services to our citizens. Numerous changes were made during the year to meet the COVID-19 restrictions and requirements. Our City staff met the challenge and did an outstanding job during this difficult time. See complete report attached.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk